FIRST DISTRICT.

Jefferson, Liberty, Orange, Jasper, Newton, Tyler, Polk, Hardin, Chambers, and San Jacinto: Tyler the returning county—Sam Bronson Cooper, of Woodville, Tyler county, was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, May 30, 1850; moved with his parents to Texas in the autumn of the same year, and settled at his present residence. Mr. Cooper received a limited education at the village schools, at the age of sixteen he commenced clerking in Woodville and began also the study of the law. In 1871 was licensed to practice in 1876 was elected county attorney of Tyler county, and re-elected to the same office 1878. In 1880 was elected to the Senate as the Democratic nominee over Judge P. S. Watts, Independent, by about 1800 majority, and renominated and elected in 1882 over the same competitor. Term expires January, 1885.